Increase in the Honorarium of Part-time Attendants in the RFWC

205. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Maharashtra Government has requested the Government of India to increase the honorarium of part-time attendants working in the R.F.W.C. and its sub-centres from Rs. 50/- p.m. to Rs. 80/- p.m.; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In view of resource constraints, it has not been possible to accept the proposal for increasing the honorarium of part-time attendants.

Bitting up a Doctor by An other Doctor in P.G.I.MER, Chandigarh

206. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention have been drawn to a news item which appeared in the Indian Express of 26th May, 1988 under the caption "Doc bites a Doc" regarding an incident in P.G.I. MER, Chandigarh in which right hand thumb of a surgeon was chewed by another docter; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and what action has been taken by the authorities of the P.G.I. MER to ensure that such incidents don't recur?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) and (b) It has been reported by the Director, Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh that in an incident on the 7th May, 1988 in the Urology minor operation theatre of the Institute there was a scuffle between two junior doctors undergoing MCH course during which one doctor sustained injuries on right thumb. Both the doctors have apologised for their misconduct and were warned by the Director. The future conduct of the doctors concerned be under close observation.

Launching of National Literacy Mission

207. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a National Literacy Mission has been launched recently;

(b) if so, what are the main features thereof; and

(c) what is the literacy percentage expected to be achieved with the operation of this Mission by the end of the current Five Year Plan period and by the end of the next decade?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following strategies will be adopted to achieve the objectives:

(i) Motivation centred programmes will be designed, with special care in regard to their form and content inputs. The programmes will be linked with skill development and economic activities, health related issues, recreational and cultural activities. Attractive learning teaching material will be provided. Dedicated and well trained instructors will be deployed. Improved learning atmosphere and good arrangements for continuing education will be ensured.

(ii) Systematic efforts will be made to secure people's participation through media and communication, creation of local level participatory structure, taking out of Jathas, training of cadres of youth etc.

(iii) Involvement of voluntary agencies for spread of the programme, for training and technical resource development, experimentation and innovation etc. will be significantly increased. Diverse methods will be employed for identification of suitable agencies and procedures of financial assistance will be streamlined.

(iv) Existing programmes will be continued by their quality improved by application of proven Science & Technology inputs, better supervision, suitable training, pedagodical innovation etc.

(v) Mass Programme of Functional Literacy will be launched with the help of youth, teachers, house-wives, employers, workers, etc.

(vi) Post-literacy and continuing education will be institutionalised through establishing of Jan Shikshan Nilayams. Better use will be made of existing institutional facilities to enlarge the scope of adult education.

(vii) Technology demonstration will be undertaken in 40 districts for development transfer and application of techno-pedagogic inputs. The results will be evaluated for application beyond 40 districts.

(viii) At the National Level National Literacy Mission Authority has been set-up with full administration and financial powers to manage the work relating to National Literacy Mission. Similar structures will be constituted at the State level.

(ix) A computerised management information system will be instituted to ensure flow of reliable and steady information needed for improvement in management at all levels.

(c) The objective of the Mission is to impart functional literacy to 80 million illiterate persons in 15—35 age group, 30 million by 1990 and additional 50 million by 1995. The exact percentage of literacy achieved by the end of the current Five Year Plan period will be made know through the data collected through the Census operation which is due to take place by 1990-91.

12.00 Noon

RESIGNATION BY A MEMBER

MR. CHAIRMAN: I have to inform Members that I have received a letter from Shri R. K. Jaichandra Singh, a Member representing the State of Manipur, resigning his seat in the Rajya Sabha. I have accepted his resignation with effect from 12th July, 1988.

INTRODUCTION OF MINISTERS— Contd.

श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय (उत्तर प्रदेश) : सभापति महोदय, मेरा व्यवस्था का प्रश्न है । महोदय, क्या इस सदन में स्ट्रेन्जर्स बैठ सकते हैं ? दो व्यक्ति ऐसे बैठे दिखाई दे रहे हैं जो सदन में स्ट्रेन्जर्स है । वे कौन हैं यह मुझे बताया जाए ? And one of them is not a Member of the House.

एक व्यक्ति बैठे हैं माननीय भजन लाल जी के पीछे की सीट पर । दूसरे व्यक्ति सत्ता पक्ष . . . (**व्यवधान**) . . . मेरा व्यवस्था का प्रश्न है कि क्या इस सदन में स्ट्रेंजर्स बैठ सकते है ?